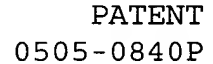


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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	18	-	20	=	0	\$50	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	2	-	3	=	0	\$200	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$360	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00

- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3627

PATENT  
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masakatsu SHIMIZU et al. Conf.: 2385  
Appl. No.: 09/891,367 Group:3627  
Filed: June 27, 2001 Examiner: RUDY, A.J.  
For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING  
PRODUCT COST

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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February 22, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2004 (Paper No. 20041117), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

This Paper includes Claim Set As Amended and Remarks.